

Parent Elected Air Club Chief

Torrance Elementary Parent-Teacher Association closed the year with the installation of officers for the ensuing year by Mrs. L. I. Heinman of San Pedro, junior past counselor of the Lomita-San Pedro district. The officers seated were Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock, president; Mrs. Charles Edwards, first vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Hayden, second vice-president; Mrs. Russell E. Bignall, recording secretary; Mrs. John Keefer, treasurer; Mrs. R. E. Conter, historian; Mrs. J. R. Jensen, auditor. Other officers and chairmen of the association are: parliamentarian, Mrs. J. F. Stone; pianist, Mrs. D. C. Condon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Young; home and school aid chairman, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber; decorations, Mrs. Paul Mize; safety, Mrs. L. Kirkpatrick; visual education, Mrs. E. Huddleston; emblem chairman, Mrs. Carl Hyde; publicity, Mrs. C. R. Hornell; program, Mrs. Marjorie Bliss.

The association voted that \$35.00 be given toward paying for the dictating machine in use in the office as a gift from the association to the school. Mrs. Heinman told of the state convention of the Parent-Teacher Association held in Sacramento in May giving many high lights both of the business and social sessions of the convention. Other numbers on the program were the Boys' Glee Club, Harmonica Band and the Girls' Glee Club. M. M. Bell, Jr., principal of the school, presented Mrs. N. A. Leake, retiring president, with a past president's pin on behalf of the association. The executive board enjoyed a luncheon in the cooking bungalow before their meeting which is held prior to the meeting of the association. The tables were decorated with bowls of cornucopia and Japanese lilacs. On one of the tables was a cloth five yards long which had been in the family of Mrs. Leake, the president, for over fifty years.

Twenty place cards marked places for twenty-three members of the outgoing and the incoming board. After the luncheon the year's business was concluded. The committee on the dental clinic for the school stated that they had nothing

definite to report and the matter was laid over until fall. Plans for taking the Torrancia children to the clinic in San Pedro were discussed and this also was laid over until the first regular meeting of the association. The board voted to allow \$10.00 toward the expenses incurred by the presidents in attending the different conferences during their term of office.

School Notes

HIGH SCHOOL

Two lovely pictures were presented to the school today in assembly by the Girls' League and the other one purchased with the library fines. The pictures will hang in the library next year. At the same assembly was the presentation of the banner that was awarded to the class making the greatest number of points in the book reading contest. The banner was awarded to the A-11 class.

No classes were held Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday was Senior Class Day. The Class Day program was given in assembly in the morning.

Agriculture letters were awarded in assembly Friday by Mr. Klenholz, director of vocational education of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Following are the names of the students receiving letters: Dairy cattle judging, Richard Waller, Paul Steffy, Richard Stevens, Evangelina Cummings, Virginia Brown, and Edith Corbett; Stock judging, Edgar Reeve, Bert Merrill, Alfred Mintun, and Sam Bone; Dairy products, Stanley Sach; Fruit judging, Paul Copeland, Fritze Rowell, Van Bartelko, Capanova Halley, Robert Anderson and Marguerite Benson; Plant identification, Marion Bay, Sidney Nickerson and Charles Kisinger.

The letters awarded were the official "T" in felt out of school colors.

The alumni baseball team won the varsity nine Monday afternoon when they took the game with a score of 11-8.

Paxman's Cash Sale Going Over Big, Ends July 4

"We are very much pleased with the response to our Ten Day Cash Sale," said C. A. Paxman this week, "and it is gratifying to see how quickly the public appreciates real bargains." A big shipment of aluminum ware kitchen utensils has arrived since we first advertised the sale last week and included for the final days of the sale. More detailed information may be found in a large display advertisement in the Barstow Saturday section of this paper. This Cash Sale serves to introduce the new policy of the Paxman store to the cash and carry method of doing business, which becomes effective July 4th.

Local Boy Writes Magazine Story

Rumor is that Don Lathrop of Long Beach, son of Dr. Maurice Chambers of this city, received a substantial sum of money recently from the Ace-High magazine for a short story, the first of his writing career. He spent a few months in New Mexico last year gathering material, and has begun by writing westerns, planning to take up another type when he has developed his "writing hand."

Hawaiian Music to Be Taught Here

Lathan Boyd, director of the Golden State Hawaiian Trio, popular among radio fans, is giving instruction on Hawaiian instruments at Torrancia, now. The trio has just returned from a vaudeville tour with the West Coast Theatres, and have been broadcasting over Southern California radio stations for the past two years. Mr. Boyd may be reached by phoning AXridge 1761.

I. O. O. F. NOTICE

Odd Fellows of the Triple City lodge will attend services at the First Christian church in a body Sunday evening. Special Memorial services will be preached by Reverend George Elder. Odd Fellows will meet at the church.

Chinese Bandits Capture Nephew of Lomita Woman

Letter Tells of Robbery and Harrowing Experience of Edgar A. Truax, Relative of Mrs. Evelyn Grammond of Beacon Street

Captured by Chinese bandit soldiery, robbed of all his possessions, held for days a prisoner, and released to secure cash while the yellow men held his associates as hostages!

This was the experience of Edgar A. Truax, missionary, nephew of Mrs. Evelyn Grammond, 2723 Beacon street, Lomita. The details of his harrowing experience are contained in a letter, a copy of which was forwarded to Mrs. Grammond.

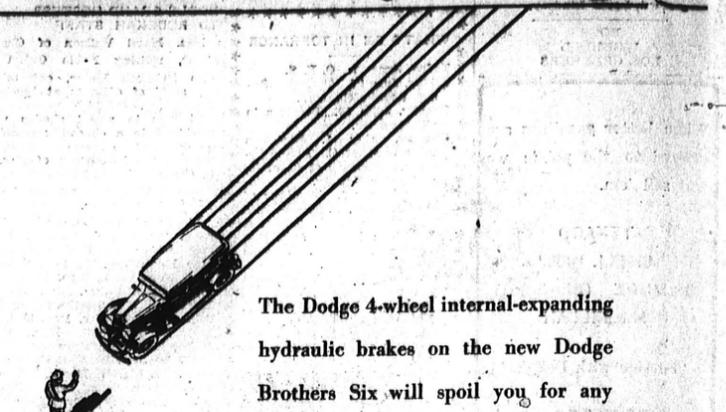
When the Chinese revolution burst into flame Mr. Truax was among the many missionaries who were ordered out of the country. While in the United States last year he visited Mr. and Mrs. Grammond on several occasions. He returned to China last November. Mrs. Truax was about to join him when news of his capture reached this country. She will leave for China to join him shortly.

The letter written by Mr. Truax follows:

"Songtao, Kwelchow, China, May 1, 1929. Please forgive my writing with a pencil to you, but the robbers are near my fountain pen and the old one does not work. I hope that you will have received my telegram long before this and are acquainted with the fact that Mr. Schwendener is in the hands of robbers.

"We left here on Monday, April 27, to look over the counties to the West. About noon the second day we were walking along, someone coming up behind us, asked if they might pass. We turned out and about eight of Li Haiao Yuen's defeated soldiers went on ahead. They had gone but a short way, however, when they turned around and training their rifles on us told us that their captain wanted us to go back to the town where we had spent the night, as he had something to tell us. We suspected that that was the Chinese way of saying 'Come with us,' but there was no way out, so we went. "They took us back about a mile to the top of the pass and there we left the road and took a path that would lead around the mountain. After a short time they told us to stop. The carriers put down the loads and they proceeded to go through them, taking whatever they had a fancy to. We saw our clothing, towels, money and other things appropriated by different ones and then, after apologizing for having robbed us, told us that we might go. We bundled up what was left and went down the mountain again. We had hardly reached the bottom, however, when we were met by four more. "One who appeared to be an official of some kind asked us if we had seen his brethren on the road. When we told him we had been robbed by them he cursed them roundly and said to us 'You come back with me and I will get your stuff for you.' "We were suspicious of him, but there was nothing to do but mind so back we went. When we got up to the top of the pass his brethren could not be found. He blew his whistle and called, but they had skipped. So he herded us back to the town (Ming ch'i) where we had spent the night before. "It was after dark when we neared the town, but he did not take us into the town, but made us stop just outside with his three men to guard us while he went to look for someone. Soon a number of men came with guns. They ordered the men to pick up the loads and with one of them in the lead we started off again through the night. They led us up the bed of a dry stream for about a mile, crossed a big river and into Saichuan Province about twenty or thirty li (about 15 miles), finally leaving the road, winding between boulders and bushes, we made our way to the top of a mountain. There was a rock enclosure and under one of the boulders was a small opening; the mouth of a cave. We crawled in and scrambled down about six or eight feet to a rather spacious ledge wide enough to sleep on with our feet at the edge of another drop off. "The ground was damp, the rocks dripping. We lay down praising God we were privileged to suffer for the Gospel's sake. By and by they threw down Mr. Schwendener's camp mattress. We lay crosswise on it, using half as a mattress and half as a cover. The next day they brought straw for us to sleep on, so we fared better. "The second night it rained and our five guards crawled into the cave and stretched out between us and the opening. I woke up in the middle of the night and found them sleeping soundly. I wondered if God had thus provided for our escape. I nudged Harry and when he awoke I pointed to the men sleeping and whispered, 'Let's go.' He got up and carefully clambered over their feet, started climbing up the opening, I started after him and was just working my way between their feet when Harry slipped. He managed to stop himself but sent a rain of clods rattling to the depths of the cavern. Our guard awoke and grabbing their guns yelled 'Shoot them!' "The men who were still here, we said, and they began to cough. Still rather agitated, however, they decided to let us up, so twisting some straw ropes and making a double bow knot in the middle, made us kneel and put our hands behind our backs. Putting a loop over each hand they drew them up tight and tied them up tight. They could with the ends of the rope. "The man who tied Harry tied him rather loosely so that he suf-

hold everything!



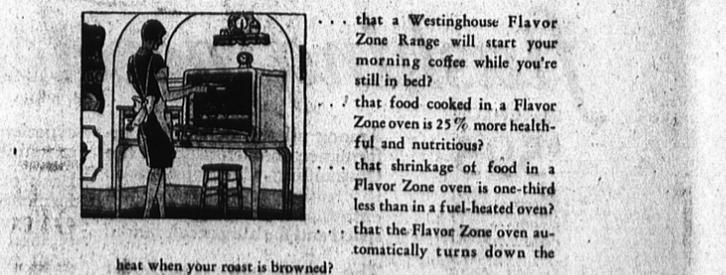
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The following letter telling of the release was received by Mrs. Grammond: "Wuchang, May 16, 1929. The above copy was prepared yesterday to send to you when we were greatly rejoiced at 4 P. M. to receive a telegram from Mr. Truax that Mr. Schwendener was released. We figure that this telegram was sent from Songtao about the tenth of May, so that Brother S. must have been in the bandits' hands about 17 days and we infer was released without any ransom being paid. We praise God for his deliverance, which seemed so beyond our human power to affect. On May 9 the Hankow Consul telegraphed the Kwaiyang officials and to the American Legion in Peking and the latter in turn telegraphed to the Nanking and Yulinang authorities, and finally on the strength of the above letter the Hankow American Consul had just sent off a telegram to the Szechuan authorities when the word of the release arrived. So many of the powers that are ordained of God were working in our behalf and we thank God for the happy issue out of this grave trial. "Sincerely yours, "W. G. Davis."

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Booze Won't Mix Well with Steel

COMPTON.—When a native of our sister province to the South of us mixes up a knife with a drinking bout, usually the police or sheriff's office have a case on hand. A drinking bout on Dominguez Hill resulted in a stabbing affray and a warrant. According to the report on hand from the office of the constable, here Andreas Frejo, aged 60, refused to drink with Magallone, following a card game. Deputy Constable Art Marston, investigating the affair, found that Frejo had been stabbed in the back, a knife wound of about three inches deep, being placed neatly between his shoulder blades. Frejo swore out a warrant against his assailant who promptly fled. The warrant charges assault. Frejo will recover.

Wilmington Will Get New City Hall

WILMINGTON.—The finance committee of the City Council endorsed the recommendation of Mayor Cress of \$700,000 for a new city hall at Wilmington. The mayor recommended that the amount come out of the permanent improvement fund, or bond fund. The mayor also recommended an item of \$275,000 for a beach city hall at Van Nuys. Both the city hall at Wilmington and the city hall at Van Nuys were dropped from the budget by the City Council yesterday.